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New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: A SUPPORT DEVICE FOR CONTAINERS IN  
EXTRACORPOREAL BLOOD TREATMENT MACHINES  
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 17 pages, including 2 independent claims and 186 claims total.
2. Drawings- 5 sheets of drawings containing 7 figures. (Figures 1-7).
3. Preliminary Amendment
4. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
5. Certified copy of Italian Application No. MI2003A000216, filed February 7, 2003.
6. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$770	\$ \$770.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	186	-	20	166	x \$18	2988.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3		x \$86	
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7. A check for \$4048.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

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\$2988.00 additional claims fee; and  
\$290.00 multiple dependent claims fee.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on Italian Application No. MI2003A000216, filed February 7, 2003, and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/469,840, filed May 13, 2003.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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